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INDIA- US JOINT INDUSTRY WORKING GROUP
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-US joint industry working group for biotechnology has decided to prepare a comprehensive report in three areas namely transfer of bio-materials, clinical research and new product development and innovation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement in this regard have been reached between India and US; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indo-US industry working group in biotechnology has been set up under the High Technology Cooperation Group (HTCG) between the two countries. It is coordinated by FICCI in India and US India Business Council (USIBC) in the US. The Ministry of External Affairs is the nodal agency for HTCG.

The working group in biotechnology has decided to prepare comprehensive reports in the following areas :
Transfer of biomaterials
New product development and Innovation
Clinical research

(c) No separate agreement has been signed for this, as this comes within the broad framework of HTCG.

(d) Question does not arise